DODWORTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1940.

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Gentlemen,

The area of the Urban District is 1,917 acres. The census population in 1921 and 1931 was 3,390 and 4,248. In 1940, the estimated resident population was 3,879. In 1927 there were 936 houses; in 1933, 969 houses, in 1938 1020 houses and in 1940, 1024 houses. The rateable value is £13,003, and the sum represented by a penny rate is £49. There are no factories in the district.

BIRTHS.

The number of live births was 70 (31 males and 39 females). Of this total there were 3 illegitimate, 1 male and 2 females. This represents a birth rate of 17.5 per 1,000 persons living. The rate for England and Wales was 14.6.

There were 3 still-births in the Area during 1940, all girls and legitimate; a rate of 42.8 per 1,000 total births.

DEATHS.

There were 45 deaths(20 males and 25 females), a death rate of 11.6 per 1,000 civilian population. The rate for England and Wales was 14.3. Some of the causes of death were Heart Disease 9, Cancer 6, Bronchitis 5, Pneumonia,1. There were no deaths from Puerperal Sepsis.

INFANTILE DEATHS.

There were 4 deaths, all legitimate, amongst infants under one year. This represents an infantile death rate per 1,000 live births of 57. The rate for England and Wales was 55.

Three of the deaths were due to Congenital debility, and one premature birth.

BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

	Deaths.	Births.
1930.	36.	109.
1931.	52.	87.
1932.	41.	104.
1933.	43.	94.
1934.	63.	77.
1935.	39.	85.
1936.	46.	87.
1937.	48.	113.
1938.	42.	84.
1939.	47.	78.
1940.	45.	70.

INFANTILE DEATH RATES.

	Dodworth.	England and Wales.
1930.	55.	60.
1931.	117.	66.
1932.	77.	65.
1933.	95.7.	64.
1934.	104.	59.
1935.	23.5.	57.
1936.	92.	59.
1937.	53.	58.
1938.	95.	53.
1939.	86.	57.
1940.	57.	55.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS.

John Leishman, M.D., Medical Officer of Health (part time).
Herbert Strutt, Sanitary Inspector and Surveyor.

LABORATORY WORK.

Specimens are sent to the County Hall, Wakefield, for examination and report.

HOSPITALS.

We have no Hospital or Institution for sickness in the Township. Fever and Diptheria cases are sent Kendray Hospital in Barnsley, whilst any small pox cases go to Lund Wood Hospital in Barnsley. Other cases are taken to the Barnsley Beckett Hospital, and to the St. Helens Hospital, Barnsley.

Infectious cases are removed in the Barnsley Ambulance. Non-infectious and accident cases are removed by private arrangement.

NURSING AND CLINICS.

Our District Nurse, supported entirely by voluntary subscriptions, does general nursing, but does not attend infectious cases, for which no provision is made.

The County Council provides a Nurse, who visits all the Schools in the District, and attends the Clinic and Babies Welfare, assisted by voluntary workers. The Child Welfare and School Clinic are held at the Mechanics Institute, Dodworth.

We have no Tuberculosis or Venereal Clinics in Dodworth. The nearest are in Church Street and Queen's Road, Barnsley.

There is one Certificated Midwife employed by the West Riding County Council resident at 32, South Road, Dodworth. (Telephone - Barnsley 3896).

PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS.

Any cases of Ophthalmia are reported by the Midwife. There were none in 1940.

SANITARY INSPECTION, 1940.

Number of Houses. 1024.

Number of Privies converted to W.C.'s.	3.
Number of W.W.C's converted to W.C.'s.	0.
Number of W.C's to old property.	1.

Year.	Houses.	Privies.	W.C's.	W. W. C's.	Pails.
1938.	1020.	28.	895.	31.	3.
1939.	1024.	26.	906.	31.	3.
1940.	1024.	26.	906.	31.	3.

SEWAGE DISPOAL WORKS.

The Sewage Dispoal Works are constructed to provide for a population of 5,500. No adverse reports on the effluent have been made since the works were re-constructed in 1917.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.

One Council House was found to be infested, and was cleansed.

SCHOOLS.

The sanitary conditions and water supply are satisfactory.

WATER SUPPLY.

The supply throughout the year from the County Borough of Barnsley was satisfactory both as to quality and quantity.

INSPECTION.

A number of inspections have been made, and repairs to leaking roofs and other defects remedied on the service of informal notices.

The Cowsheds and Dairies have been inspected and improvements carried out.

PRIVATE SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

No slaughtering was carried out during 1940.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

No cases of food contamination were reported during the year.

Cottage Pigs.

4 notices of slaughter were received, the car cases were examined and found to be satisfactory.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

The collection and disposal of house refuse is carried out by the following :-

1. 2 ton Karrier Motor Vehicle, with dust proof sliding metal covers.

   1 driver.
   3 loaders.
   1 controlled tip attendant.

Collections are made from 872 dust bins, 48 dry ashpits and 26 privy middens.

TUBERCULOSIS.

2 new cases of tuberculosis were notified during 1940.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The incidence of notifiable Infectious Diseases for the periods since 1935 is indicated in the following table:-

	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.	1940.
Smallpox.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
Scarlet Fever.	24.	27.	1.	10.	9.
Diphtheria.	14.	6.	2.	6.	4.
Pneumonia.	13.	4.	4.	1.	6.
Tuberculosis.	2.	0.	3.	6.	2.
Typhoid.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
Cerebro Spinal Fever.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
Puerperal Pyrexia.	1.	0.	1.	2.	2.
Erysipelas.	1.	0.	1.	1.	0.
Measles.	-	-	-	-	38.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS). 1940.

Diseases.	Cases notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total deaths.
Smallpox.	0.	0.	0.
Scarlet Fever.	9.	2.	0.
Diphtheria.	4.	4.	0.
Enteric Fever.	0.	0.	0.
Pneumonia.	6.	0.	0.
Cerebro Spinal Fever.	0.	0.	0.
Puerperal Pyrexia.	2.	1.	0.
Erysipelas.	0.	0.	0.
Measles.	38.	0.	0.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

Under West Riding County Council arrangements a number of children were immunised by private practitioners. No cases occurred among immunised children.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Age Group Analysis of Notifications.

Age.	Scarlet Fever.	Diphtheria.	Pneu-monia.	Cerebro Spinal Fever.	Erysipelas.	Measles.
Under 1 year.						1.
1 to 2 years.						2.
2 to 3 years.						7.
3 to 4 years.	2.		4.			8.
4 to 5 years.	4.	4.				12.
5 to 10 years.	2.					8.
10 to 15 years.		2.				
15 to 20 years.	1.					
20 to 65 years.						
Over 65 years.						

TUBERCULOSIS.

New cases and Mortality during 1940.

Age Period.	New Cases. Respiratory.		New Cases. Non-Respiratory.		Deaths. Respiratory.		Deaths. Non-Respiratory.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 - 1.								
1 - 5.								
5 - 15.								
15 - 25.								
25 - 35.		1.						
35 - 45.								
45 - 55.	1.				1.			
55 - 65.								
65 and over.)								
Totals.	1.	1.	-	-	1.	-	-	-

Your obedient Servant,

J. LEISHMAN. M.A., M.D.